Press Statement

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CONFERENCE PROPOSES PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL TOBACCO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

The first conference of international tobacco growers concluded its business in Harare this afternoon.

During the week delegates from Argentine, Canada, Malawi, U.S.A. and Zimbabwe took the opportunity to discuss matters of mutual concern.

Proposals for the permanent establishment of a similar forum with the following objectives were discussed:

1. Fostering of co-operation between associations.

2. Assisting in the dissemination of producer information amongst member associations.

3. Collecting and collating of information regarding manufacturers' requirements and trends for general use by growers' associations.

4. A catalyst for ideas.

5. Arranging the organisation and secretariat for further meetings of growers' associations.

Delegates will now return to their respective countries and seek to have these proposals ratified. Until such ratification the conference has elected Mr. R. Wrench of Zimbabwe as temporary Chairman of the secretariat and the secretarial duties will be undertaken by the Zimbabwe Tobacco Association.

All delegates attending the conference expressed their gratitude to the Zimbabwe Tobacco Association for the initiative in staging the conference and their concurrence with the concept of a permanent organisation.

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